marketing, marketing development support; identification of important craft clusters and their sustainable development; revival of languishing crafts; design and technology upgradation; setting up of Craft Development Centre and Common Facility Centre; setting up of worksheds and worksheds-cum-housing and conferring of National Award and National Merit Certificates to outstanding craftpersons.

Comprehensive plan for handloom, powerloom and handicrafts sectors in the country

431. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive plan for handloom, powerloom and handicraft sectors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds provided during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the details of progress and achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) The National Textile Policy—2000 announced by the Government, laid down the broad objectives and thrust areas for development of Indian textiles including handlooms, powerlooms and handicrafts. The important thrust areas include technology upgradation, enhancement of productivity, quality consciousness, strengthening of raw material base, product diversification, increase in exports and employment generation.

(c) and (d) State-wise allocations are not made in the Ministry's budget for implementation of various schemes/programmes. However,

details of plan outlay/expenditure in handlooms, powerlooms and handicrafts over the last three years (1998-99 to 2000-01) are as follows:

Sector	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Outlay	Exp.	Outlay	Exp.	Outlay	Exp.(P)
1. Handloom	93.0	81.5	85.0	80.4	135.0	102.6
2. Powerloom	4.5	3.6	6.0	4.3	10.0	6.9
3. Handicrafts	55.0	49.2	56.5	51.8	63.1	68.0

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Status of Tamil Nadu in textiles industries

432. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) the place of Tamil Nadu in Textile Industries in the country; and

(b) the current number of units involved in the production of handloom, powerloom, synthetic yarn, readymade garments and hosiery in Tamil Nadu, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Tamil Nadu holds a predominant place in the textile industry in the country. According to the information furnished by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, there are:—

No. of Handlooms	— 4,29,000 units.
No. of Powerlooms	— 3,16,994 units.
No. of Synthetic Yarn	— 58 units.
Ready-made Garments & Hosiery	— 74 units.